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- 1. THE THREE PRE-IG CHANGES (REF B) AT QUESTION (REF A) PERTAIN TO EMBASSY-DESIGNATED SECTION TWO (ISSUE ANALYSIS MAJOR ISSUE) OF REF C. FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF CHANGES KEYED TO REF C.
- 2. UNDER IMPORTANT ASSUMPTION NO. 5 WHICH IN REF C ENDS QUOTE...SO LARGELY CONCENTRATED ON CHILE ALONE. UNQUOTE, ADD QUOTE. AT THE SAME TIME, THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL REDUCE CHILE'S POLITICAL ISOLATION WHICH HERETOFORE HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF US LEVERAGE. UNQUOTE.
- 3. NO CHANGE IN ISSUE RESOLUTION PARAGRAPH.
- 4. FOLLOWING REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION, FIRST PARAGRAPH, ENDING QUOTE... TRADITIONAL PERSONAL LIBERTIES IN CHILE UNQUOTE, ADD: QUOTE OUR LEVERAGE OVER CHILE IN THIS REGARD IS ALSO

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ENHANCED AT PRESENT BY OUR INFLUENCE OVER PRIVATE SECTOR

AND PARIS CLUB DECISIONS REGARDING INVESTMENTS, CREDITS AND DEBT RELIEF TO THAT COUNTRY. ;NQUOTE.

5. UNDER "REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION." SECOND PARAGRAPH (PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF REF C), REVISE LAST HALF OF PARAGRAPH TO READ: QUOTE. AS ITS EFFECTS BECOME CLEARER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY AGAIN TO REASSESS OUR CURRENT ATTITUDE AND REVIEW OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CHILE. IF PROGRESS HAS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY OR UNREASONABLY SLOW, ADDITIONAL MEASURES CAN BE CONTEMPLATED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THE EVENT ANY FURTHER MEASURES OR APPROACHES TO THE CHILEANS ARE UNDERTAKEN, TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO PARALLEL ACTION WE ARE TAKING WITH OTHER STATES GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. BUT EACH CASE MUST BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN SEPARATE MERITS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TOTALITY OF US INTERESTS IN THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION, THE POTENTIAL EFFICACY OF US ACTION, THE TREND OF US INFLUENCE AND THE DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY THE US IS PERCEIVED TO HAVE FOR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS. IN THE CASE OF CHILE. ALL THESE FACTORS ARGUE FOR A MONITORING PROCESS WHICH IS BOTH TIMELY AND INQUISITIVE.UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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